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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call to the Examiner's attention the attached references, which generally relate to the present invention.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following co-pending, co-assigned U.S. Patent applications: USSN 09/368,745; USSN 09/368,817 and USSN 09/368,826, all filed August 5, 1999 (copies of their corresponding PCT publications are included on the 1449 form) and parent application USSN 09/484,370, filed January 14, 2000.

PCT Publication No. WO 99/05660 is referenced in the present application. The remaining documents are generally relevant to the state of the art.

Applicants submit that the above references, whether taken alone or in combination with each other neither anticipate nor render obvious the present

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invention. Consideration of the foregoing in relation to the captioned application is respectfully requested.

Also enclosed is PTO Form FB-AS20 listing each of the above references.

Respectfully submitted,



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